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Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

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Larry Reppeteau
“A medal that spoke to me”

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Please join us this month to hear *Larry Reppeteau* speak about his intriguing and long sought after British medal.

1031st Meeting – February 27, 2002 (reviewed by *Herb Miles*)

Dr. Paul Holtzman presented our program for the night of February 27, 2002, and gave an entertaining and educational discourse on *parliamentary practice*. Although Dr. Holtzman's talk was identified as being on Thomas Jefferson and many of the membership brought Jefferson-related items for show and tell, he really instructed us and gently chastised our recent behavior regarding the convoluted efforts to solve the 1000th Meeting Medal situation.

As an aside Paul noted the following as evidence that his credentials for decision-making are impeccable. He participated in a U.S. Mint focus group prior to the introduction of the 50 States' Quarter Program and when asked his opinion as to whether such issuance should proceed, he advised the Mint not to do it! Of course, the rest is history!

Dr. Holtzman revealed that Thomas Jefferson pulled together from a number of sources the first volume of Parliamentary rules published in the new United States. Jefferson based his volume on the practice of the Congress, so it was based on actual practice, not on theoretical practice. Paul stated that a further example of theoretical practice versus actual practice is the dictionary produced by Noah Webster, which described theoretically how language ought to be used, not how it is used in everyday speech. Later dictionaries, including those bearing the Webster name, reflected actual speech rather than theoretical, hence the "revised" sobriquet attached to each volume.

Dr. Holtzman gave us a summation of his academic life as an illustration of how he came to embrace the methods of parliamentary practice; how his ability grew through various professorships and memberships in societies or organizations which used rules of order; and how he was granted a certificate as a Parliamentarian (without having to take and pass a required

exam) due to his authorship of a chapter in a noted book on parliamentary practice rules.

In summation, Paul explained that his colleague, friend, and fellow author, Joseph F. O'Brien, advised that there are only three motions needed to control any meeting.

- 1) A Motion to state the solution to a problem.
- 2) A Motion to Amend (i.e., improve) the solution to the problem.
- 3) A Motion to Refer to Committee when the governing body is not ready to approve or disapprove the motion that states the solution to the problem.

A splendid talk, unlike any other we have had in the recent past, entertaining, educational and thought provoking.

Exhibits (compiled by *Herb Miles*)

Lori Reppeteau exhibited her Canadian Commemorative Dollar honoring 60 Years of minting excellence. It features representations of the many dollars Canada has produced during the past 60 years.

Phil Nordin went to the Far East to bring us American coins struck on Philippine coin planchets, including a demonstration of a floating dime (a Roosevelt minted on a Philippine piso planchet).

Michael Wehner brought a 2002 San Marino Euro set.

Margaret Wehner exhibited her extensive set of French Medals and Tokens from various sites in France such as the Eiffel Tower, Versailles, and also brought her elongated cent collection to share.

Cal Rogers shared his latest finds, a Tibetan Rupee; an ugly Baron Von Richtofen commemorative showing the Red Baron's 3 winged airplane; and Cal also brought his latest chopped piece, a Japanese Yen.

Vincent Battaglia brought his 1997 Thomas Jefferson Coin & Currency Set featuring a \$1 Star note, a specimen matte Jefferson nickel, and a Silver Dollar.

Gordon Donnell shared the Alton Pryor books on the California Gold Country that he bought at the recent CSNA show; his bawdy Bill Clinton Arkansas "Quarter", a 2001

"Golden" Sacagawea dollar; and his well-deserved Helen Carmody Award.

Ken Takahashi exhibited a Canadian Golden Jubilee Proof Set honoring Queen Elizabeth's 50th year on the throne and his 1997 Botanic Garden Jefferson Set.

Larry Reppeteau asked "Would the real Jenny Lind please stand up?" by showing us two recently acquired pieces, a 27mm white metal Jenny Lind medallet (the literature states this token is bronze or copper, not white metal) and a Jenny Lind locomotive medal.

Jerry Schimmel brought several copies of "7 X 7" magazine featuring one of his articles on San Francisco Brothels and the tokens used therein (with a fair number of the tokens illustrated).

Well, guess what!, *Ron Johnson* was excited, surprised and embarrassed all at once as he exhibited his 5 piece twin bicentennial of San Francisco medal set; surprised to find that his three piece set encapsulated by Phil Nordin was incomplete excited to know that fellow PCNS'er Don Barsi could find the two missing pieces, a silver and a gold, but ultimately embarrassed to have imposed on Phil to make the plastic holder.

Mark Wm. Clark brought a new catalogue from Krause Publications, Spain, Portugal, and the New World, as well as an Indian Peace Medal, probably about 60 years old.

RAFFLE

A 1979 National Airlines Cable Car Token Set to *Ron Johnson*
Two 1984 Cable Car Restoration Medals, a bronze and a copper-nickel to *Jack Free*.

Two "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" Cable Car Tokens, with keychain loop removed to *Ron Johnson*!

Two Cable Car Centennial Medals, one sterling silver, one bright bronze to *Jerry Schimmel*.

A California Street Cable Car RR Paper Transfer from January 9, 1943 to *Ron Johnson*.